

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1, which starts with “**Figure 11. A)** Full length cDNA sequences....”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 19, which starts with “**Figure 12.** Sequence of human CLASP-1 exons.....”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 31, which starts with “**Figure 13.** Amino acid alignment and comparison.....”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 7, which starts with “**Figure 14.** Expression of CLASP-2...”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 14, which starts with “**Figure 15.** Full length human CLASP1....”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 16, which starts with “**Figure 16.** Mouse CLASP cDNA....”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 16, which starts with “**Figure 17.** Full length human CLASP3....”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17, which starts with “**Figure 18.** Full length human CLASP4....”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 18, which starts with “**Figure 19.** Full length human CLASP5....”

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 19, which starts with “**Figure 20.** Full length human CLASP7....”

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please delete Figures 11-20 from the specification.